IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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METHOD FOR OPERATING A STRIP CASTING MACHINE FOR PRODUCING A METAL STRIP AND DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 31, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows.